

Malted Barley Appreciation Society

April, 2001 Newsletter

From the Editor's Disk

The guest at the March meeting was Ed Raven of Raven Import Company, importer of Jever Pilsner. Ed brought with him a keg of this crisp Friesland brew as well as gift glasses for all in attendance.



Jever is, apparently, the hoppiest pilsner available and it is expected to take off as the weather warms and people look for a good thirst-quenching drink. Keep an eye out for the distinctive tap handle.

Ed began his career as the first member of the Brooklyn Brewery sales force and claims to have sold the first Brooklyn keg in New York. He then moved to

Sierra Nevada and was instrumental in the introduction of SN Pale Ale into New York.



MBAS President Eric Freberg presents the traditional gift to guest speaker Ed Raver.

Other Notes

The New York beer scene is, as we all know, an ever-changing one. Bars and restaurants come and go, often without fanfare. The past few years have been highlighted by the upsurge in Belgian restaurants much to the approval of beer lovers. It seems that the tide may be turning. In recent weeks, we

have lost two Belgian eateries, both with excellent beer selections. Belgo, the New York edition of a London chain, closed along with Waterloo, a trendy West Village bistro. On a more positive, if modest note, we hail the arrival of **Vol de Nuit** (from the novel by French aviator and writer Antoine de Saint Exupéry, it means *Night Flight* and is also the name of a perfume by Guerlain.) The restaurant is located on West 4th St. East of Sixth Avenue behind the frites place Le Frites Cot. They have six Belgian beers on tap and a lot of mussels. Santé!

MBAS member Andrew Schlein took second place in the mead category at the Hudson Valley contest for his star anise metheglin.

This Month's Guest Speaker



Meetings are held at Mugs Ale House, on the corner of 10th St. and Bedford Ave in Brooklyn on the second Wednesday of each month. This month, the meeting will be on the 11th.



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Phil wins again!



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22 BEERS ON TAP 2 BEER ENGINES

WHERE THE GOOD BEERS ARE!!
125 Bedford Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11211
718-384-8494
(1 Train Stop on the
L' Train from Manhattan)



Hey! My glass is empty!



Contests, Festivals, and Other Goings On

March 21 Southampton Tasting

8 PM at David Copperfields
74th St & York Ave, NYC

March 24 Hudson Valley Homebrewers

11th Annual Beer, Mead, Cider Competition.
Hyde Park Brewery.
Contact - David Sherfey, sherf@warwick.net

April 10 & 16 Belgian Beer Dinners

Featuring Brooklyn Brewery beers
April 10 at Café Centro.
April 16 at Rock Center Cafe

April 21-22 Tap New York

Hunter Mountain, NY. Craft breweries and
brewpubs from Buffalo to Southampton will be par-

ticipating in the most prestigious beer and food event in New York State. Advanced tickets required. Tickets are \$35 per day (2 day discounts available). Call 518-263-4223 or

www.tapnewyork.com Beer and fine food festival,

April 28-29 AHA Nationals, First Round

Syracuse, NY.

Entries are due between April 4 - 13. Judges are also needed; contact Paul Guarracini at oldeezra@aol.com. For more info on the Nationals, go to <http://www.beertown.org>. If you enter the Nationals, you are also eligible to enter the Upstate New York Homebrewers Association 23rd Annual Competition.

Contact Tina Weymann tweymann@hselaw.com or Todd Colin todd.colin@kodak.com for more information.

May 12 Brewer's East End Revival (BEER)

5th Annual Homebrew Competition, Saturday May, 12 at the Neconset Knights of Columbus Hall, 130 Lake Ave., South Neconset, Long Island

Registration is at 9:30 and judging starts at 10am. There will also be a chili cook-off.

Contact Jim or Jean at 631-269-5833 or thomsjam@optonline.net

June 14-24, Mondial de la Bière

Montreal, Canada.

See <http://www.festivalmondialbiere.qc.ca> or call 514-722-9640.

July 20-21 Vermont Brewers Festival

Burlington, VT

See <http://www.tastebeer.together.com> or call 802-244-6828

